

Springfield Public Schools

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Parents of Springfield Junior & Senior High Students:

As the school year has begun, we have noticed many good things happening throughout the halls of our 6-12 high school. The students are coming and are ready to learn for the most part, but sometimes struggle to do so as well. In an effort inspired by student leadership, Springfield School District is conducting a safety and school climate survey from October 05- 12th.

The survey asks general questions about how students feel supported by the school, if they feel safe at school, and even where in our schools we should pay more attention. We have asked our junior high students to list up to 4 behaviors that are specific to help us understand what they find most distracting or difficult about school. We are asking this of our 6-8 grade students intentionally due to some concerning behaviors exhibited in those grade levels.

The data we receive will be shared with staff to evaluate our practices that might encourage and promote a safer school. We will then share it with students in grades 6-12 as they will need to play an integral role in increasing safety and our positive school culture. Finally, the data is shared with parents and the community. The schools will need your support, understanding, and positive engagement to help us build our school up in safe and professional ways.

It is vital that students tell us their truth in observations and actions; the data is collected anonymously to encourage truth for students. For your information, we are linking the surveys in communication and transparency. The [junior high survey is found here](#). You may also find the [high school survey linked here](#).

The voice and reflections of our students are vital ingredients to success and needed elements for positive work at our schools. . We look forward to hearing all student voices about our schools.

If you have any questions or seek more information, please contact Mrs. Walker or Ms. Swayne, at (719) 523-6654.

Sincerely,
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